

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (amended) A corona wire damper for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body, comprising:

a foamed elastomer damping pad defining an exposed surface; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attachable to the charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts the at least one corona wire said exposed  
surface extends along the at least one corona wire in contact therewith.
2. (original) The corona wire damper of claim 1, wherein said corona wire damper is removable.
3. (amended) A corona wire damper for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body, comprising:

a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attachable to the charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts the at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 1,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms configured to engage the charger body.
4. (amended) A corona wire damper for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body, comprising:

a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attachable to the charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts the at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 1,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms configured to wrap-around engage mating portions of the charger body.

5. (amended) A corona wire damper for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body, comprising:  
a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attachable to the charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts the at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 1,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms configured to wrap-around engage mating portions of the charger body, and each arm comprises a protuberance.
6. (amended) A corona charger for an electrographic printer, comprising:  
a charger body;  
at least one corona wire mounted to said charger body;  
an elastomer damping pad defining an exposed surface and attached to  
said charger body; and,  
~~a pad holder holding said damping pad and attached to said charger body~~  
~~such that said damping pad contacts said at least one corona wire, said exposed~~  
~~surface extending along the at least one corona wire in contact therewith during~~  
~~corona current.~~
7. (original) The corona wire damper of claim 6, wherein said corona wire damper is removable.
8. (amended) A corona charger for an electrographic printer, comprising:  
a charger body;  
at least one corona wire mounted to said charger body;  
a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attached to said charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts said at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 6,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms engaging said charger body.

9. (amended) A corona charger for an electrographic printer, comprising:  
a charger body;  
at least one corona wire mounted to said charger body;  
a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attached to said charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts said at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 6,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms wrapping around mating portions of said charger body.

10. (amended) A corona charger for an electrographic printer, comprising:  
a charger body;  
at least one corona wire mounted to said charger body;  
a damping pad; and,  
a pad holder holding said damping pad and attached to said charger body  
such that said damping pad contacts said at least one corona wire; The corona  
wire damper of claim 6,  
wherein said pad holder comprises a pair of arms wrapping around mating portions of said charger body, and each arm comprises a protuberance that engages a mating structure on said charger body.

11. (amended) A corona charger for an electrographic printer, comprising:  
a charger body;  
at least one corona wire mounted to said charger body;  
an elastomeric damping pad attached to said charger body such that said  
damping pad contacts said at least one corona wire; The corona wire damper of  
claim 6,  
further comprising a plurality of corona wires, wherein said elastomeric  
damping pad contacts said plurality of corona wires.

12. (amended) A method for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body in an electrographic printer, comprising:

contacting said at least one corona wire with a damping pad an exposed surface extending along said at least one corona wire during corona current, the exposed surface comprising an elastomer.

13. (amended) The method of claim 12, comprising a damping pad that defines said exposed surface, and further comprising holding said damping pad in a pad holder.

14. (amended) A method for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body in an electrographic printer, comprising:

contacting said at least one corona wire with a damping pad; The method of claim 12,

further comprising rotating said damping pad to contact a fresh surface of said pad with said at least one corona wire.

15. (amended) A method for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body in an electrographic printer, comprising:

contacting said at least one corona wire with a damping pad; The method of claim 12,

further comprising moving said damping pad laterally relative to said at least one corona wire to contact a fresh surface of said pad with said at least one corona wire.

16. (amended) A method for damping at least one corona wire mounted to a charger body in an electrographic printer, comprising:

contacting said at least one corona wire with a damping pad; The method of claim 12,

further comprising holding said damping pad in a pad holder having a pair of arms, and registering said pad holder to said charger body with a protuberance formed in each arm.

17. (new) The corona charger of claim 6, said damping pad comprising foamed elastomer.
18. (new) The method of claim 12, comprising a damping pad that defines said exposed surface.
19. (new) The method of claim 12, comprising a damping pad that defines said exposed surface, said damping paid comprising foamed elastomer.